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SUBJ: REPORTED DEMOTION OF MOSCOW CP SECRETARY YAGODKIN

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1. ACCORDING TO MOSCOW UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO KNOW, MOSCOW CITY CPSU SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR AGITPROP AFFAIRS VLADIMIR N. YAGODKIN HAS BEEN OUSTED FROM HIS POSITION AND REASSIGNED AS RSFSR DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

2. COMMENT. THIS REPORTED CHANGE COMES AT A LOGICAL TIME: THE MOSCOW CITY PARTY MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE 25TH CONGRESS IS DUE TO CONVENE THIS WEEK. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT YAGODKIN'S DEMOTION WAS CONNECTED WITH HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE FORCIBLE BREAKUP OF THE SEPTEMBER 1974 UNOFFICIAL ART EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW. IN THAT REGARD AND IN GENERAL HE IS WIDELY CONSIDERED AS A HARD-LINER. MEDIA REPORTS OF THE MOSCOW PARTY MEETING SHOULD DOCUMENT THE VERACITY OF THIS REPORTED CHANGE AND MAY SHED LIGHT ON ITS MEANING. WE WILL ALSO CHECK FURTHER WITH OUR CONTACTS AMONG THE UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS.
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